

# LVHN WEEKLY | SCHUYLKILL

Your wrap-up of the week's news from LVHN.



## Under Construction

**Within the next month, construction will be underway for LVH-Schuylkill service line expansion and improvement.**

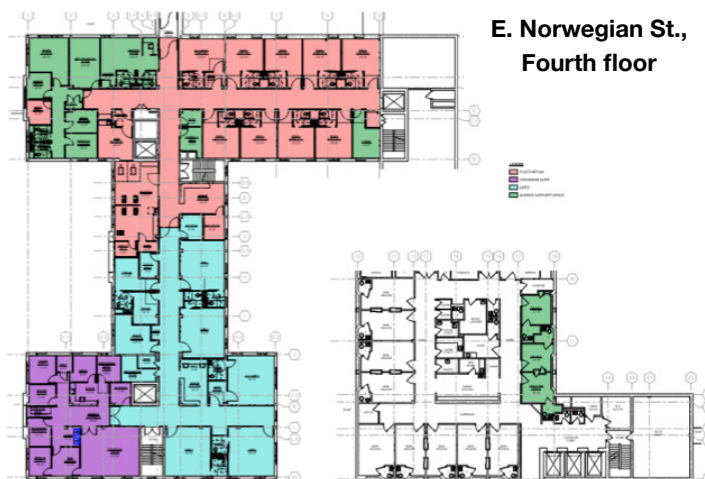
Preliminary plans were shared last week with managers and supervisors during their monthly meeting.

The plan calls for constructing a new senior behavioral health unit (SBHU) and Advanced Wound Center on the LVH-Schuylkill S. Jackson Street campus. Renovations at the campus are expected to begin in early March with occupancy of both facilities anticipated in early July. When complete, SBHU will grow from 12 to 14 beds and occupy the former 3C and respiratory therapy areas. The Advanced Wound Center will be located in the imaging services area of 3A. Enhancements to the center will increase the number of treatment rooms from two to five. The two hyperbaric chambers will be relocated as well.

Work will also begin to convert the vacated areas of the fourth floor at LVH-Schuylkill E. Norwegian Street to the new Family Birth and Newborn Center. Preliminary preparation will start at the former pediatrics unit and will later expand into the current SBHU.

When completed in early 2019, the Family Birth and Newborn Center will feature its own C-section operating suite, 10 postpartum

## RENOVATIONS FOR OB



beds and seven labor/delivery beds. The center is designed to meet our current and future needs. Additional information will be shared as the plan progresses. Construction updates will be posted outside cafeteria entrances at each hospital. A public announcement is being planned for the near future.



# “Little Red Dress” Event a Success



**More than 125 people visited the Pottsville Ramada Inn last Sunday for a day of education and fun.** The 7th annual “Little Red Dress” event of the LVH–Schuylkill Auxiliary was labeled a great success by its organizers.

“We are so thankful and appreciative of the efforts of so many,” says Roseanne Bedway LaDue, co-chairwoman. Added co-chair Sandy Sippel, “Our guests took advantage of education, awareness, entertainment, food and fun.”

Kelly Wanamaker, MD, LVPG Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery, was the featured speaker who provided information about signs and symptoms of heart disease, prevention, treatments and results. Following her presentation, Wanamaker held a question and answer session.

The event marked the first appearance in Schuylkill County of the American Heart Association’s Red Couch Tour, which encourages people to sit on the couch and pledge things they can do to lower their risk for heart disease.

Local dance troop “MauLani” from Hamburg entertained attendees with the finer points of Polynesian dance. Plus, more than 20 local vendors offered a unique shopping experience. There was a silent auction as well as numerous door prizes.





## Health Center at East Stroudsburg Opens

**One day before Valentine's Day, LVHN showed its heart for the people of the Pocono region during a ribbon cutting to mark the official opening of the Health Center at East Stroudsburg.** The health center is LVHN's fifth in the Pocono region.

Legislators, economic development professionals and other invited guests came together to celebrate the public-private collaboration, which was funded in part by a combination of loans and grants from PennWorks (sewer and water infrastructure) and a grant from the state's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), which helped fund construction.

"We know that life is busy and when you need care, it can't wait," says LVH-Pocono President Elizabeth Wise, RN. "That's one of the reasons this health center is so special. It sits at the center of our busy lives just off Interstate 80 and at the nexus of Routes 447 and 209 – one of the busiest intersections in the region."

The new health center brings together top-quality outpatient care in cardiology, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics all under one roof. It's just one of many investments LVHN is making in the region.

"LVHN attracts top health care professionals with the expertise and skills to ensure people in the Pocono region have the care they



need throughout life," says LVHN President and Chief Executive Officer Brian Nester, DO, MBA, FACOEP. "We're investing in this community by increasing access to great care where people live, work and play including right here at this new facility."

Other recent investments include the addition of specialty trained physicians in neurosurgery, surgical oncology, gynecologic oncology and minimally invasive surgery for urology conditions.

"We're committed to providing top quality care close to home in all the communities we serve," Nester says. "It's what our neighbors want, and it's what they deserve."

## My Hospital Valentine

**Hospitalized patients at LVH-Schuylkill and all LVHN hospitals enjoyed some extra special attention on Valentine's Day thanks in part to the kindness of strangers.** For the second year, LVHN used its social media channels to reach out to anyone and everyone who wanted to send a warm wish to someone spending the holiday in the hospital. People visited a website, selected a card and wrote a message.

The result was about 2,000 unique messages from people as close by as Pottsville and from all over the country and beyond. "This was so nice and makes me feel so good," says Ann Joyce of Pine Grove, a patient in our Stine Acute Rehabilitation Unit who has been rehabilitating following recent hip surgery. "Everyone has been very nice, and this card is so special." Joyce not only shared her story with members of her care team, she also talked with a local television reporter about the Valentine's card and her positive experience while a patient at



LVH-Schuylkill. [Watch the story as WBRE-TV 28](#) followed along during our delivery to Joyce.

And if giving is as rewarding as receiving, Volunteer Marlene Doyle couldn't agree more. Doyle helped deliver the Valentine's Day cards to Joyce and other patients throughout the hospital. "It was just so great and nice," Doyle says. "The patients loved getting the cards. They smiled. Their eyes just lit up. I'm glad to do this for them."

## Welcome New Colleagues

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